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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Homicide Defendant Indicted on New Armed Robbery Charges

Lake County Sheriff's Detectives concluded an armed robbery investigation which resulted in the arrest of the offender. The offender, Derenell D. Hill, 35, of the 1700 block of Runyard Place, Waukegan, who is currently being held on homicide charges in the December of 2020 slayings of Beach Park residents Carlos Rodas Perez and Mercedes Rodas, was positively identified as the armed robbery offender.

On December 24, 2020, at approximately 8:10 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an armed robbery at a business in the 38900 block of North Green Bay Road, Beach Park. The offender (later identified as Derenell D. Hill) entered the store armed with a firearm. He pointed the firearm at a patron and the store's manager, demanding money.

Hill touched different items in the store before fleeing with cash from the cash registers and cash from the patron in the store. Sheriff's evidence technicians processed the scene of the armed robbery and collected samples from the areas Hill touched.

Following Hill's arrest on the homicide charges, sheriff's detective developed enough probable cause to show Hill was the offender in the armed robbery. A Lake County Judge authorized a search warrant for Hill's DNA, which was subsequently collected by sheriff's detectives. A crime laboratory analysis of the samples collected at the scene of the armed robbery were a match to Hill's DNA.

After reviewing the facts and evidence, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office presented additional charges to the Grand Jury on June 9, 2021, for their consideration. The Lake County Grand Jury indicted Hill on the following charges:

Armed Habitual Criminal  
Armed Robbery

## Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon

Hill remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$5,000,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on June 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office thanks the Kenosha Police Department, Gurnee Police Department, and Waukegan Police Department for their assistance during the armed robbery investigation.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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